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P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 First Named Inventor: Coad, Eric C. Application No.: 09/687020 Group Art Unit: Filed: October 13, 2000 Examiner: Hadi Shakeri Title: ABRASIVE ARTICLE COMPRISING A STRUCTURED DIAMOND-LIKE CARBON · COATING AND METHOD OF USING SAME TO MECHANICALLY TREAT A SUBSTRATE This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114 a. Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on January 21, 2004, \boxtimes a copy of which is attached hereto (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered) ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other iii. **Enclosed** Amendment/Reply i. ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS 2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.) The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to: Deposit Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this letter for fees processing is enclosed. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) ii. Other 05/20/2004 HALI11 Respectfully submitted. 00000124 133723 09687020 01 FC:1801 Date Biesterveld, Reg. No.: 45,898 Telephone No.: (651) 737-3193 Office of Intellectual Property Counsel 3M Innovative Properties Company Facsimile No.: (651) 736-3833 Certificate of Mailing or Transmission I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date indicated below: Signature: Sent to Facsimile No.: 06/15/2004 HWIGGINS 00000002 133723 09687020 Printed Name: Kathleen M. Sandvig Dale: 0 May 14, 2004 01 FC:1253